

training South Korean troops and was later assigned to a military police unit in Japan where he reunited with his wife and children.

“Bull” Evans also earned a unique distinction when, in 1952, he became the only Marine authorized to wear a beard, despite military regulations against it. During the Korean war, when Maj. Gen. John T. Selden instructed all Marines to be clean shaven, he issued an edict that “For honor and distinction, Sgt Evans will be exempt from this order and permission to let his beard grow is granted.”

After serving with distinction in two wars, MSgt “Bull” Evans died suddenly and unexpectedly of cardiac failure in 1954. High-ranking officials from both the United States and Japan, standing side-by-side with thousands of Marines, attended his funeral.

I am pleased that because of the advocacy of local veterans, historians, and political leaders in western Maryland, the legacy of this true American hero will be preserved by dedicating a portion of U.S. Route 220 through his hometown of Cresaptown, MD to USMC MSgt William “Bull” Evans on June 29, 2013. I commend the efforts of Ron Miller, Jim Stakem, Pete Martz, and Terry Evans to share the story of “Bull” Evans and to establish a permanent and lasting memorial in his honor, and I appreciate the leadership of State Senator George Edwards and the Maryland State Highway Administration in making this memorial a reality. I don’t think we can ever be reminded too frequently of the extraordinary valor of our men and women in uniform so I am grateful we are establishing a fitting tribute to an exemplary member of what Tom Brokaw so appropriately called the “Greatest Generation.”●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1822. A communication from the Attorney-Advisor, Departmental Offices, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled “Garnishment of Accounts Containing Federal Benefit Payments” (RIN1505-AC20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 7, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1823. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN, and Southwestern Wisconsin Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas” (RIN3206-AM75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1824. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the Clayton-Cobb-Fulton, GA, Nonappropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Area” (RIN3206-AM84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1825. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Director, Office of Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 28, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1826. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Education’s fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1827. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department’s fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1828. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled, “Status of the Implementation of Recommendations from the 2008 ODCA Audit Report Titled ‘Review of the District’s Cash Advance Fund’”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1829. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 20-76, “Certified Business Enterprise Compliance Temporary Act of 2013”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1830. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1831. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of the Interior’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1832. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National

and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Corporation for National and Community Service’s Report on Final Action for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1833. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report and the Postal Service’s response to the report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1834. A communication from the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semi-Annual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1835. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1836. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1837. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Agriculture’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1838. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and a Management Report for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1839. A communication from the Chairman of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1840. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Labor’s Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1841. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman’s Semiannual Report on Final Action Resulting from Audit Reports, Inspection Reports, and Evaluation Reports for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1842. A communication from the Administrator of the Agency for International Development (USAID), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1843. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant